

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD CATEGORY LIST

FOR PROJECTS THAT MAY QUALIFY FOR SUSTAINABILITY (SUST) FUNDS

The availability of these funds is subject to funding availability in each Funding Year

Not all "qualifying" projects will be funded in the requested FY if SUST funding is no longer available

All SUST awards are for a **minimum of \$1,500** and a **maximum of \$150,000** per LHA over each 2-year period or if in a Municipal Light District, \$150,000 per year.

DHCD Requirements for LEAN Audit where available:

1. All SUST awards are contingent on a LEAN energy audit having been done on the development within the past 4 years.
2. LHAs needs to submit the details of their LEAN energy audit on the Application for Sustainability Award document.
3. LHAs in Municipal Light Districts which have any gas connection (cooking or heat) require a LEAN **GAS** audit within past 4 years.
4. **For new applications to LEAN:** www.leanmultifamily.org. If you have applied within the past year, but haven't heard back from a LEAN Administrator, contact Billierae Engelman: billierae.engelman@bostonabcd.org or (617)348-6299.

SUST funds can be used for components which specifically reduce water, electricity, gas, oil or propane use and/or improve indoor air quality. SUST funds cannot be used for components that while they may reduce water or energy usage, are something the housing authority is already obligated to do.

Category	Requirements	SUST payment - always capped at \$150k per LHA
Water		
Low flow toilets & showerheads	Any of the following: \$PUM >\$60 for elderly or >\$90 for family; toilets >10 years old with maintenance issues, or >3.0 gpf. This is NOT intended as contribution to a K&B renovation. Small jobs for common area toilets do qualify.	\$450 X # of toilets (showerheads are included in this cost, and are relatively inexpensive when bought in bulk, per program guidelines)
Building Envelope		
Air sealing & insulation	Whatever is required to bring R-value to code (R-49 for attics, R-20 for most walls)	100% of air sealing and insulation cost, up to \$150k. NONE of roofing, wall materials or basement repair costs.
	1) at any time to bring attic insulation up to code	
	2) at the time of a roof replacement	
	3) at the time of siding replacement	
	4) at the sill (exterior penetration) or in the basement ceiling joists	
Weatherstripping of exterior doors	Exterior doors that fail to seal properly and allow air exchange between the exterior and conditioned interior space. Award may be used to weatherstrip doors, replace ineffective weatherstripping, or cover the labor cost of adjusting door hardware to better fit it in its frame.	100%, up to \$10k
HVAC Systems		
Oil boiler or furnace to ASHP conversion	Any oil to electric systems. No oil to gas or gas to electric systems will be funded.	case-by-case
Air source heat pumps (ASHP)	Municipal light territories only, and where the \$ electric Per unit per month is >\$120 PUM. Note: Family developments with <5 units are covered by LEAN's Single Family program. Note: \$ PUM = \$ Per unit per month	case-by-case basis, depending on size of project. Most projects for units > 20 would have to be phased
Maximum set-point thermostats	Set point "pin" must prevent heat call above 78 degrees	100%, up to \$100k

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Lighting	LEAN program must have turned down retrofit as not cost-effective. Exemption for LHAs in Municipal Light Districts, where all cost-effective measures will be paid for	100% up to \$150k for Municipal Light Districts. Others on a case-by-case basis after LEAN rejection
Exterior building & parking lot lighting		
Occupancy sensors		
LED fixtures and bulbs		
Refrigerators	Rejected by LEAN program or LHA is in Municipal Light District; >10 years old	100%, up to \$150k
Indoor Air Quality		
Bathroom fans	There may be no existing fan which vents to the outside. Specifically, if no fans exist, the site qualifies. If fans exist but vent into the attic, the site qualifies. If current fans exhaust to the outside, but they are old, they do NOT qualify	100%, up to \$150k
Range hoods	Same criteria as bath fans above	100%, up to \$150k
Gas or propane stove conversion	Existing natural gas or propane stove must be >10 years old. New stove must be electric.	100%, up to \$150k
Exterior improvements		
Trees	Any shade trees which are installed to replace trees which have been removed because of site work	100%, up to \$10k
Raised garden beds, rain barrels	Pilot - under development	case-by-case basis

Components NOT Covered
Windows
Washing machines or clothes dryers
Ornamental trees
Programmable thermostats (too prone to breakage)
Emergency Lighting